

Remarks

Claims 1 and 2 are currently pending in the application, as amended. Claims 3-5 have been canceled without prejudice for being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, no new matter has been added as a result of the above-described amendments.

The Examiner contends that the application contains two different inventions, as follows:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a needle bearing, classified in class 384, subclass 572.
- II. Claims 3-5, drawn to a speed reducer, classified in class 474, subclass 175.

The Examiner has required restriction of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.143, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, including claims 1 and 2. The foregoing election is made without traverse.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement and Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 and 2, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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